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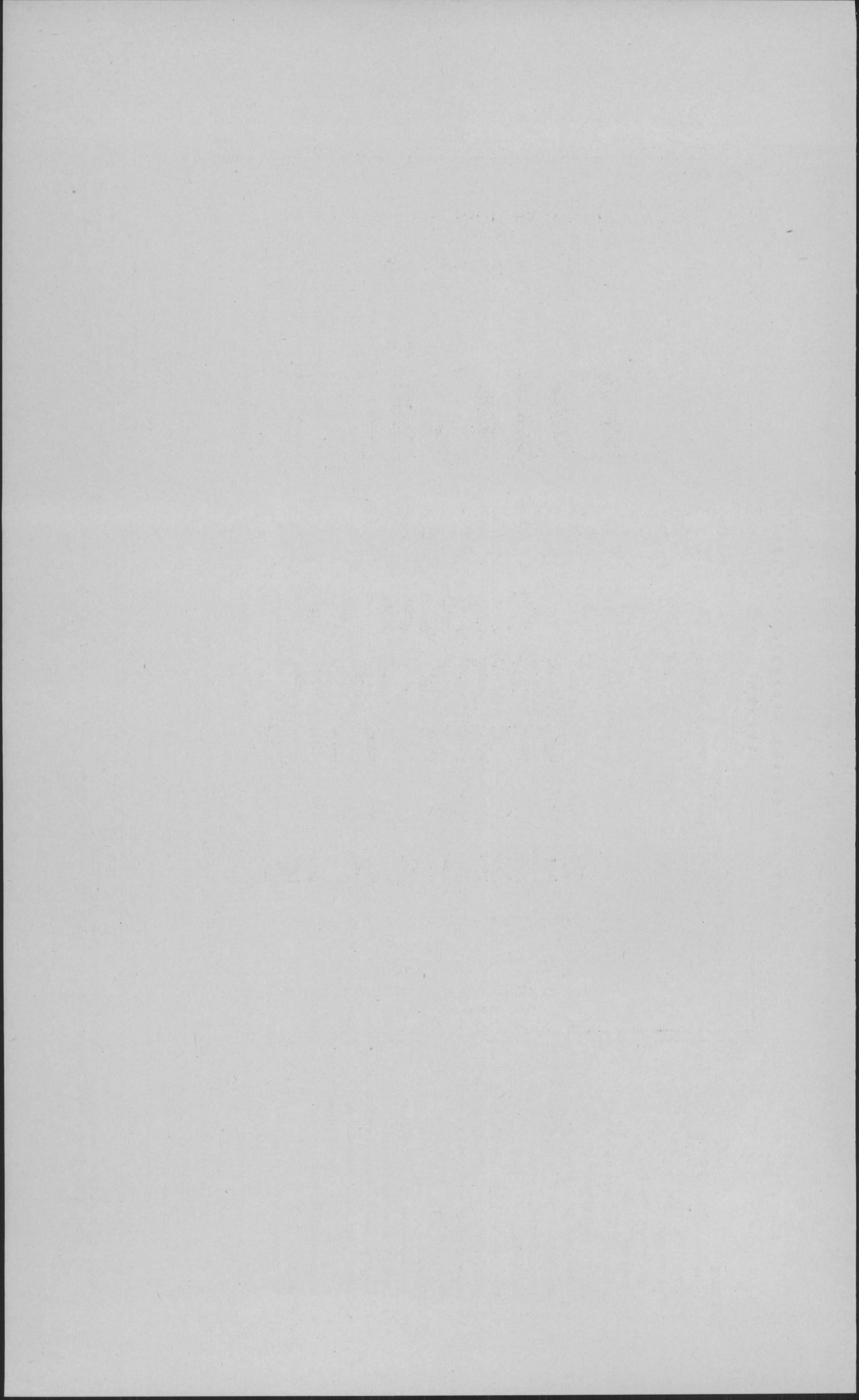
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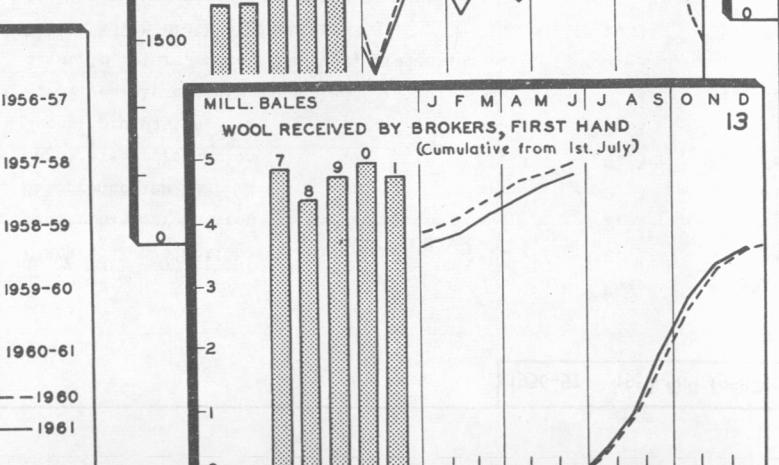
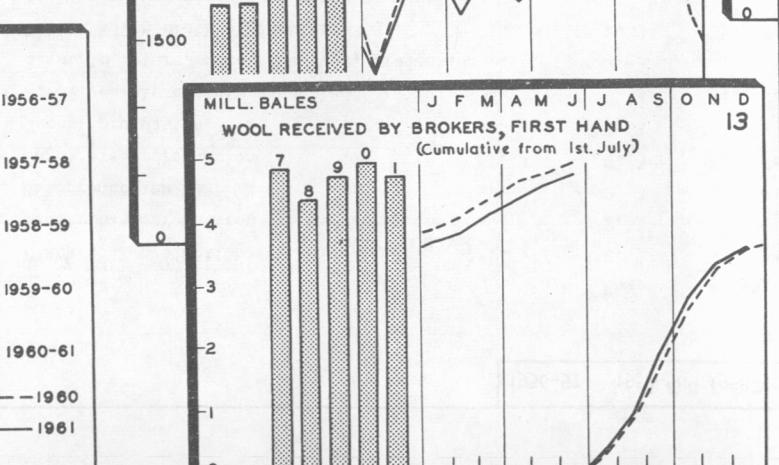
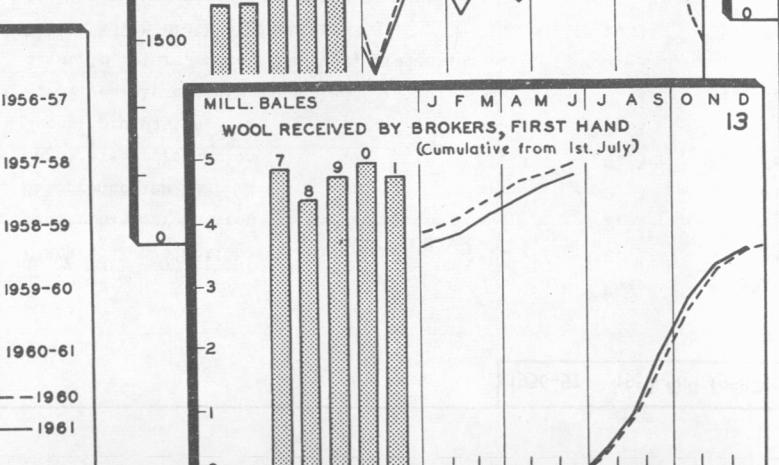
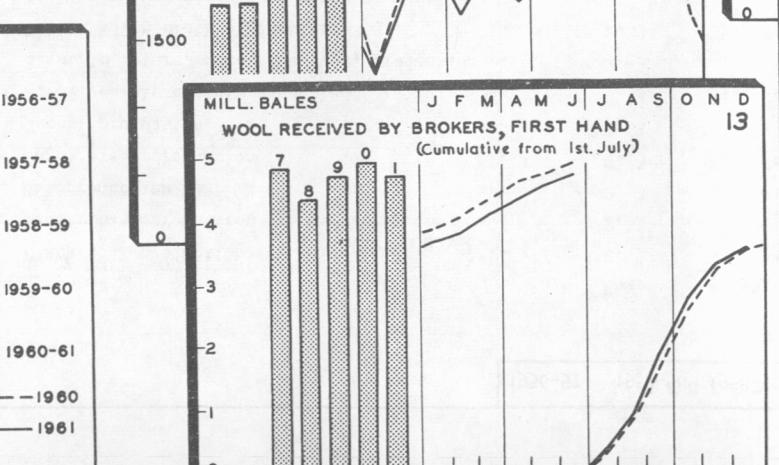
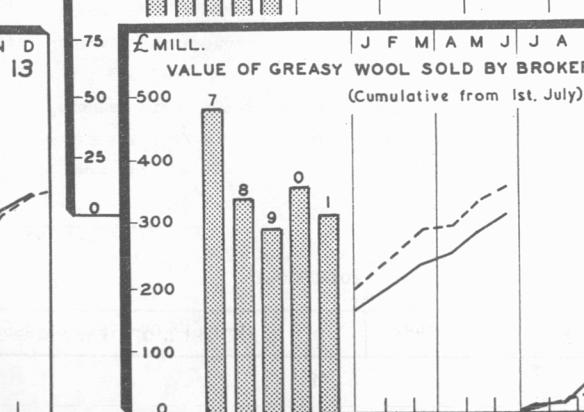
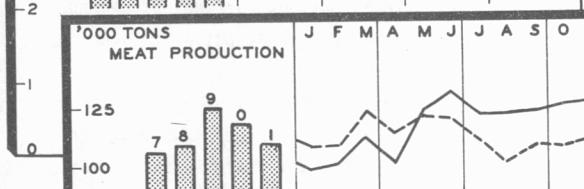
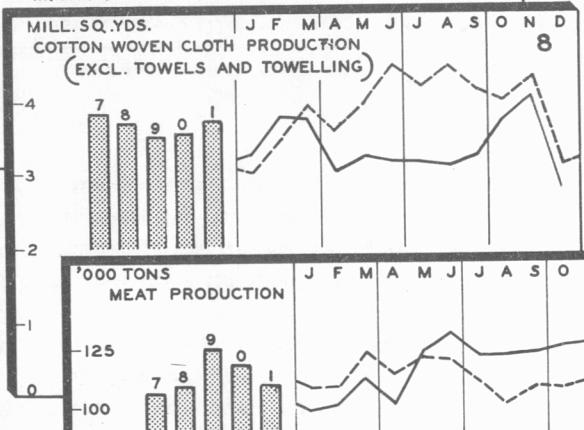
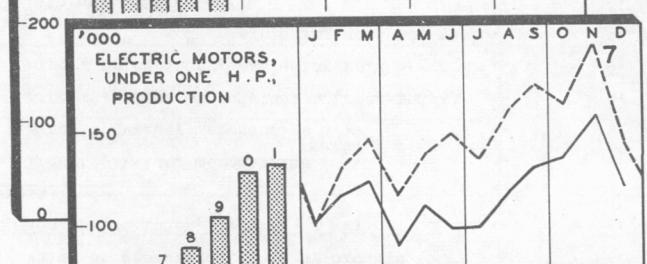
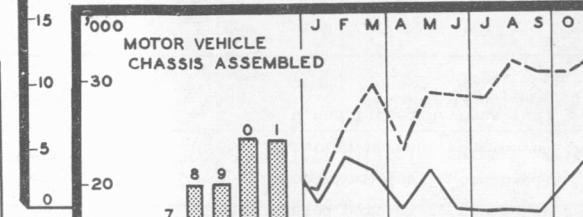
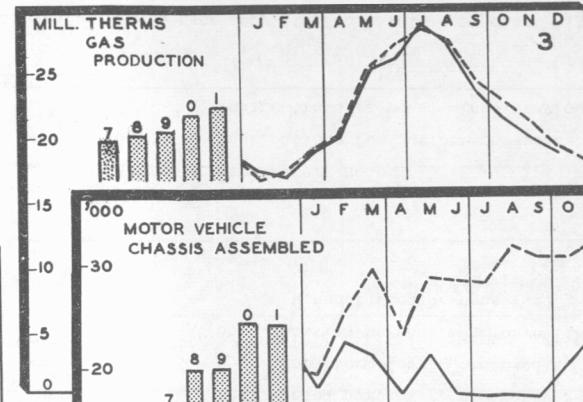
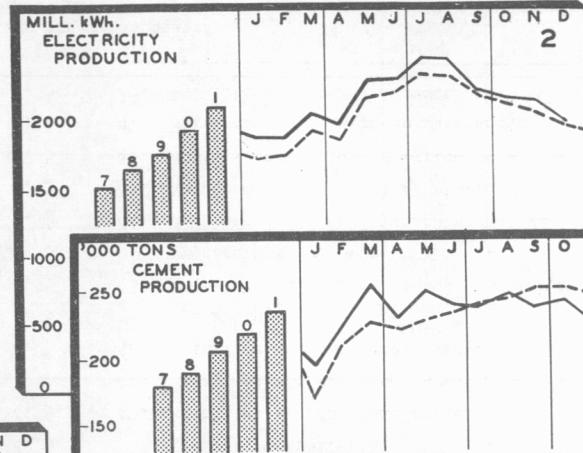
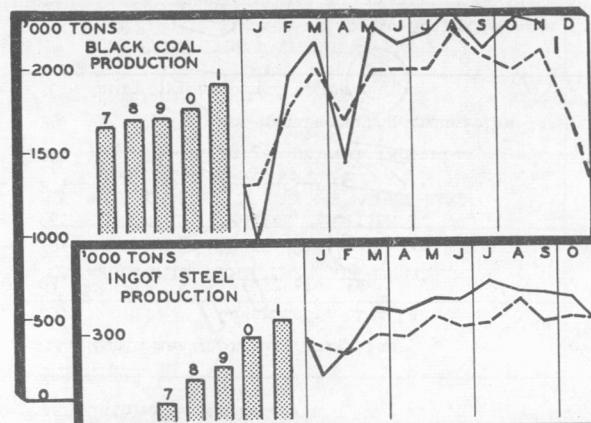
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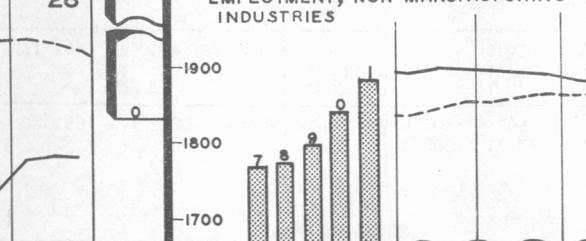
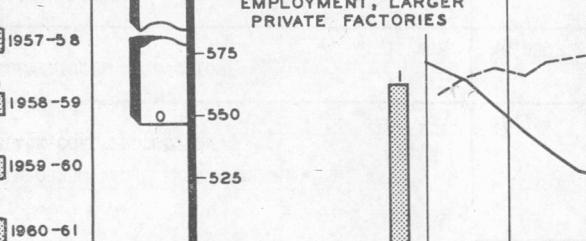
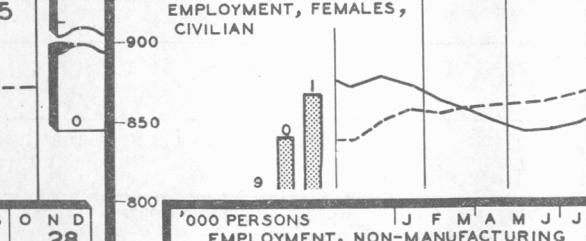
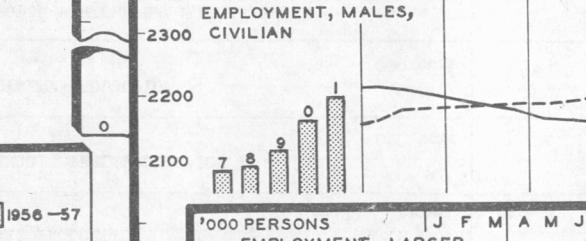
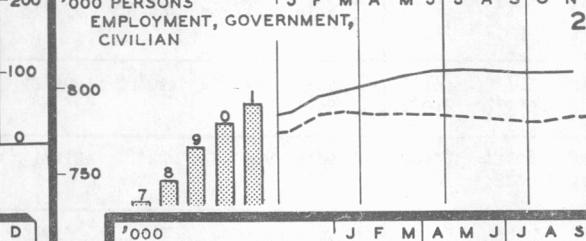
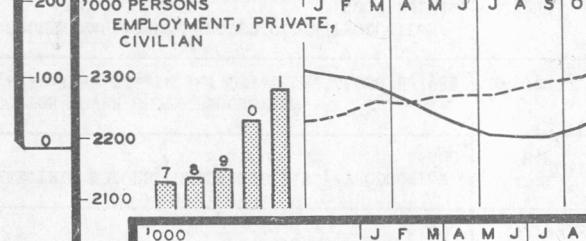
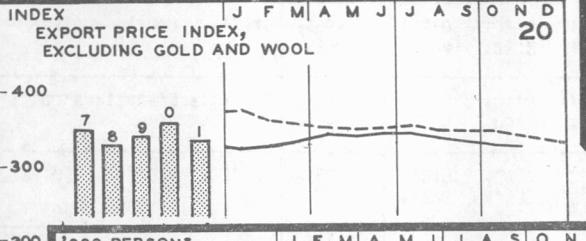
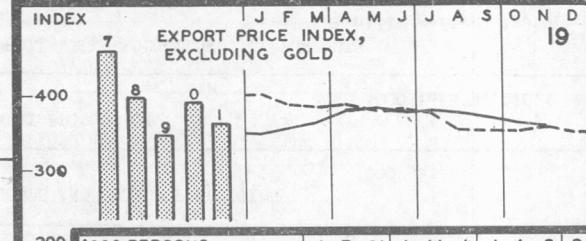
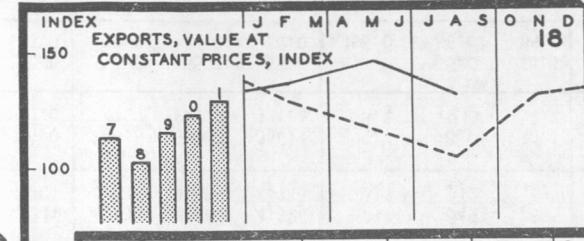
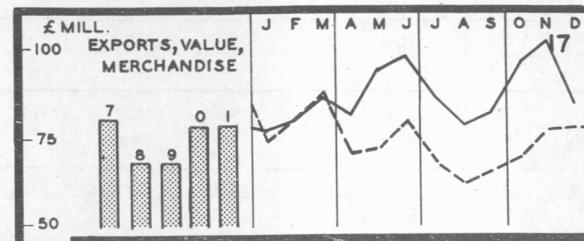
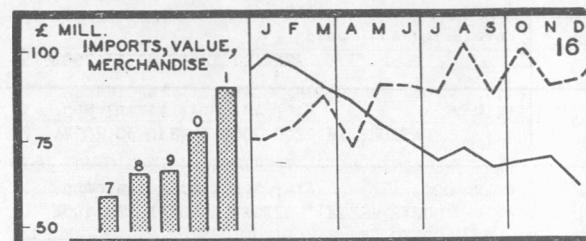


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PRODUCTION																			
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	19,711	20,362	20,459	*21,223	*22,979	*1960 *1961	1,300 1,001	1,722 1,953	1,980 2,184	1,673 1,437	1,958 2,291	1,971 2,148	1,974 2,219	2,211 2,361	2,057 2,174	1,970 2,299	2,079 2,248	1,674
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh.	18,289	19,796	*21,199	23,199	*25,072	1960 *1961	1,721 1,873	1,752 1,859	1,914 2,048	1,857 1,949	2,159 2,285	2,195 2,266	*2,312 2,408	*2,303 2,388	*2,121 2,156	*2,081 2,131	*2,030 2,124	*1,946 1,980
3. GAS PRODUCTION	mill. therms	236.8	240.4	244.7	256.4	*265.8	1960 *1961	16.5 17.1	17.3 16.8	19.1 19.1	20.0 19.8	25.2 24.9	26.8 25.9	*28.1 28.4	*27.4 27.1	*24.0 23.5	*22.4 21.1	*21.0 19.9	*19.2 18.7
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,774	3,038	3,204	3,520	*3,737	1960 *1961	285 257	275 282	298 325	294 321	315 332	*305 331	*309 352	*332 338	*310 339	*315 338	*313 311	*336 348
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,173	2,291	2,481	2,644	*2,860	1960 *1961	171 193	212 228	228 256	221 231	231 251	234 243	*243 242	*245 249	*253 239	*252 245	*247 229	*218 207
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED	'000	193.9	239.6	241.0	293.2	*292.8	1960 *1961	16.6 18.2	25.3 22.4	29.5 21.3	23.4 17.4	28.7 21.5	28.2 17.5	*28.0 17.4	*31.0 17.4	*30.3 17.3	*30.3 20.4	*31.9 23.5	*23.0 17.4
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS, UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION	'000	898	1,066	1,248	1,549	*1,636	1960 *1961	97.4 101.3	132.0 114.9	145.3 123.8	114.1 86.1	136.7 107.2	147.5 96.9	*138.3 97.8	*165.0 118.2	*181.7 129.5	*169.1 136.0	*202.4 157.6	*149.0 118.6
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling)	'000 sq.yds.	46,277	44,340	42,265	43,061	*44,572	1960 *1961	3,012 3,296	3,460 3,793	3,897 3,739	3,605 3,659	3,935 3,270	4,465 3,175	*4,191 3,196	*4,443 3,102	*4,163 3,274	*4,008 3,699	*4,306 4,035	*3,118 2,833
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION	'000 sq.yds.	32,782	31,719	27,266	*30,235	*26,552	1960 *1961	1,844 1,637	2,681 2,346	3,084 2,388	2,278 1,777	2,502 1,883	2,562 1,612	*2,203 1,560	*2,674 1,982	*2,501 2,105	*2,525 2,162	*2,944 2,412	*1,983 1,790
10. BOOTS AND SHOES, PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	20,938	21,395	24,054	25,626	*23,981	1960 *1961	1,222 1,219	1,935 1,790	2,172 2,069	1,778 1,653	2,079 1,981	2,204 1,782	*2,070 1,994	*2,493 2,395	*2,447 2,281	*2,339 2,491	*2,465 2,592	*1,673 1,673
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	1,270.1	1,314.5	1,500.6	1,425.7	*1,313.6	1960 *1961	107.5 99.3	108.3 101.6	122.0 112.9	113.6 101.5	120.1 123.9	119.8 132.4	*110.5 121.3	*101.4 121.8	*108.1 122.5	*107.5 126.8	*110.7 127.8	*103.8 103.8
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gals.	1,358	1,264	1,370	1,407	*1,340	1960 *1961	151.8 134.0	125.2 102.4	105.9 102.5	77.0 79.9	65.3 76.1	60.7 69.8	*69.4 79.2	*100.4 109.9	*128.8 144.2	*155.7 178.9	*163.1 178.6	*157.8 157.8
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July	'000 bales	4,867	4,353	4,735	4,926	4,715	1960 1961	3,912 3,657	4,074 3,821	4,341 4,101	4,571 4,316	4,760 4,559	4,926 4,715	247 311	849 912	1,655 1,837	2,547 2,741	3,245 3,312	3,529 3,555
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July	£ mill.	478.0	334.8	292.7	356.1	311.4	1960 1961	209.8 174.8	250.0 203.6	291.0 237.0	296.6 247.7	331.0 286.9	356.1 311.4	5.7 8.4	18.0 20.3	30.1 57.2	82.5 98.8	123.5 143.9	147.8 173.8
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY pence per lb. greasy		77.9	62.1	47.5	56.3	51.5	1960 1961	58.0 50.0	55.0 52.0	55.0 53.0	57.0 57.0	55.0 56.0	55.0 (a)56.0	52.0 56.0	48.0 55.0	48.5 55.0	48.0 53.0	50.0 52.0	49.5 52.0

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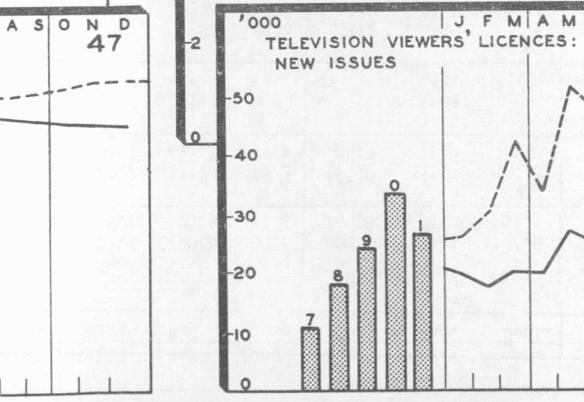
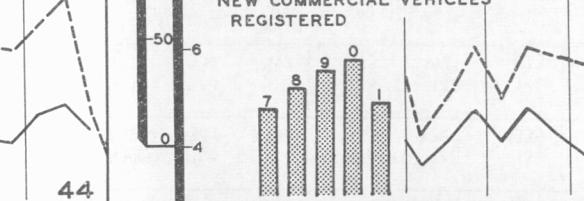
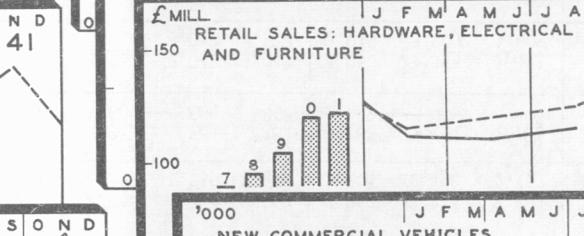
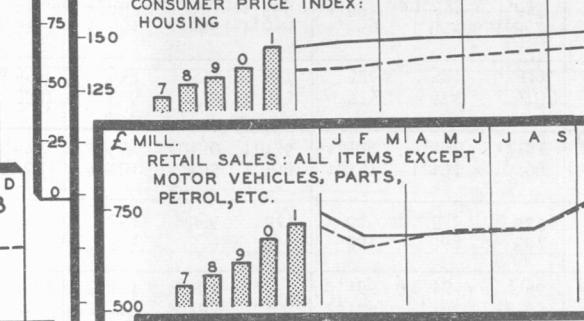
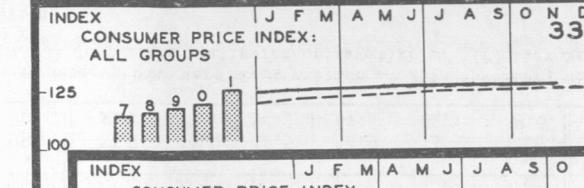
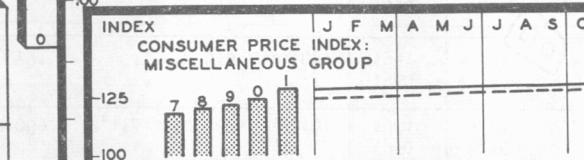
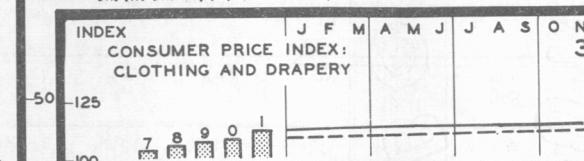
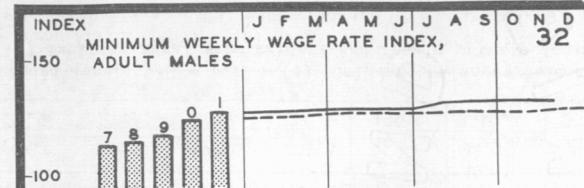
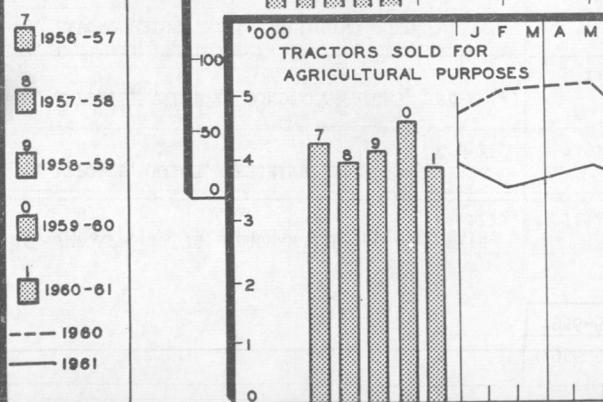
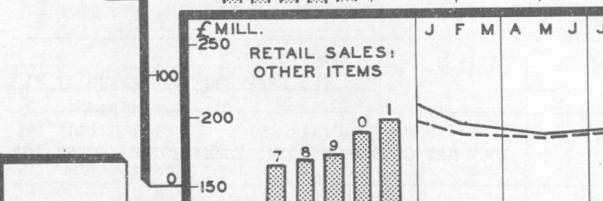
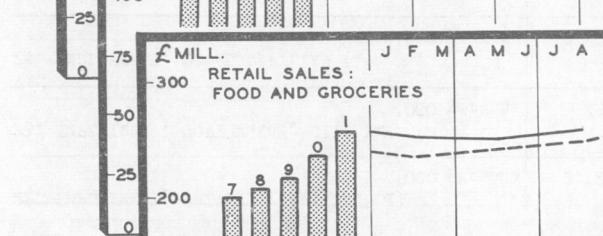
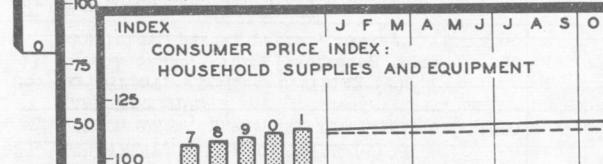
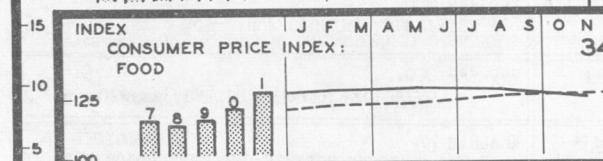
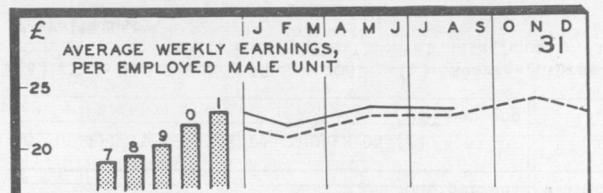


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OVERSEA TRADE																		
16. IMPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANTISE £ mill.	716.1	789.3	794.4	923.8	*1,085.3	1960 *1961	75.3 99.8	78.3 94.8	88.0 89.4	72.6 £86.7	90.8 78.9	90.6 74.6	*88.9 £69.8	*103.1 £73.0	*87.9 67.1	*100.0 £68.7	*89.6 70.0	*91.6 61.9
17. EXPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANTISE £ mill.	973.0	810.3	806.7	925.9	£*928.0	1960 *1961	73.0 £76.5	79.1 79.1	87.9 86.4	70.2 81.4	71.4 £92.6	78.3 £97.3	*66.5 86.1	*61.1 77.8	*64.5 81.7	*68.7 £96.6	*76.8 £101.7	*77.1 83.6
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX (a)	113	101	115	122	*129	1960 *1961		127 137			117 145			*103 131			*130	
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD (b)	464	400	351	393	*366	1960 1961	405 353	389 363	386 368	391 385	382 *384	384 *382	374 *382	355 *380	356 *374	355 *366	360 *361	356
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD AND WOOL (b)	353	332	341	363	*343	1960 1961	374 330	364 335	358 337	353 342	351 *341	354 *343	356 *343	348 *340	347 *335	348 *333	344 *331	339
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (c) £ mill.	567	525	516	512	551	1960 1961	538 375	541 374	547 388	541 417	544 531	512 551	483 575	442 571	424 573	413 578	398 £587	376
EMPLOYMENT																		
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE, CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,125	2,133	2,150	2,221	2,274	1960 1961	2,221 2,297	2,238 2,291	2,251 2,273	2,248 2,253	2,258 2,235	2,263 2,214	2,267 2,201	2,274 £2,198	2,283 2,197	2,293 £2,213	2,306 2,232	2,306
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN '000 persons	736	747	767	779	790	1960 1961	775 786	783 793	785 797	784 801	784 805	784 808	783 809	781 809	780 808	779 808	781 808	782
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,861	2,880	2,917	3,000	3,064	1960 1961	2,996 3,083	3,021 3,084	3,036 3,070	3,032 3,054	3,042 3,040	3,047 3,022	3,050 3,010	3,055 £3,007	3,063 3,005	3,072 £3,021	3,087 3,040	3,088
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	2,082	2,089	2,113	2,160	2,197	1960 1961	2,160 2,211	2,172 2,207	2,180 2,198	2,178 2,191	2,184 2,184	2,188 2,173	2,189 2,165	2,192 £2,161	2,196 2,156	2,201 £2,165	2,208 2,174	2,209
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	779	791	804	840	867	1960 1961	836 872	849 877	856 872	854 863	858 856	859 849	861 845	863 848	867 849	871 856	879 866	879
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING '000 persons	1,093	1,106	1,121	1,165	1,182	1960 1961	1,163 1,194	1,176 1,187	1,183 1,176	1,181 1,163	1,186 1,150	1,189 1,136	1,191 1,129	1,194 1,128	1,199 1,127	1,201 £1,144	1,202 1,151	1,195
28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES '000 persons	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	562	1960 1961	558 568	564 563	568 553	566 543	570 535	573 527	575 524	576 521	578 519	578 531	577 534	574 533
29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (d) '000 persons	1,768	1,774	1,796	1,835	1,882	1960 1961	1,833 1,889	1,845 1,897	1,853 1,894	1,851 1,891	1,856 1,890	1,858 1,886	1,859 1,881	1,861 £1,879	1,864 1,878	1,871 1,877	1,885 1,889	1,893
30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (f) '000 persons	12.7	23.9	27.3	20.7	23.0	1960 1961	23.8 19.3	20.0 20.9	18.0 25.6	17.7 35.0	16.8 42.7	16.5 54.3	14.9 61.5	13.3 62.1	11.8 59.6	10.4 48.5	10.7 45.5	17.6 56.8

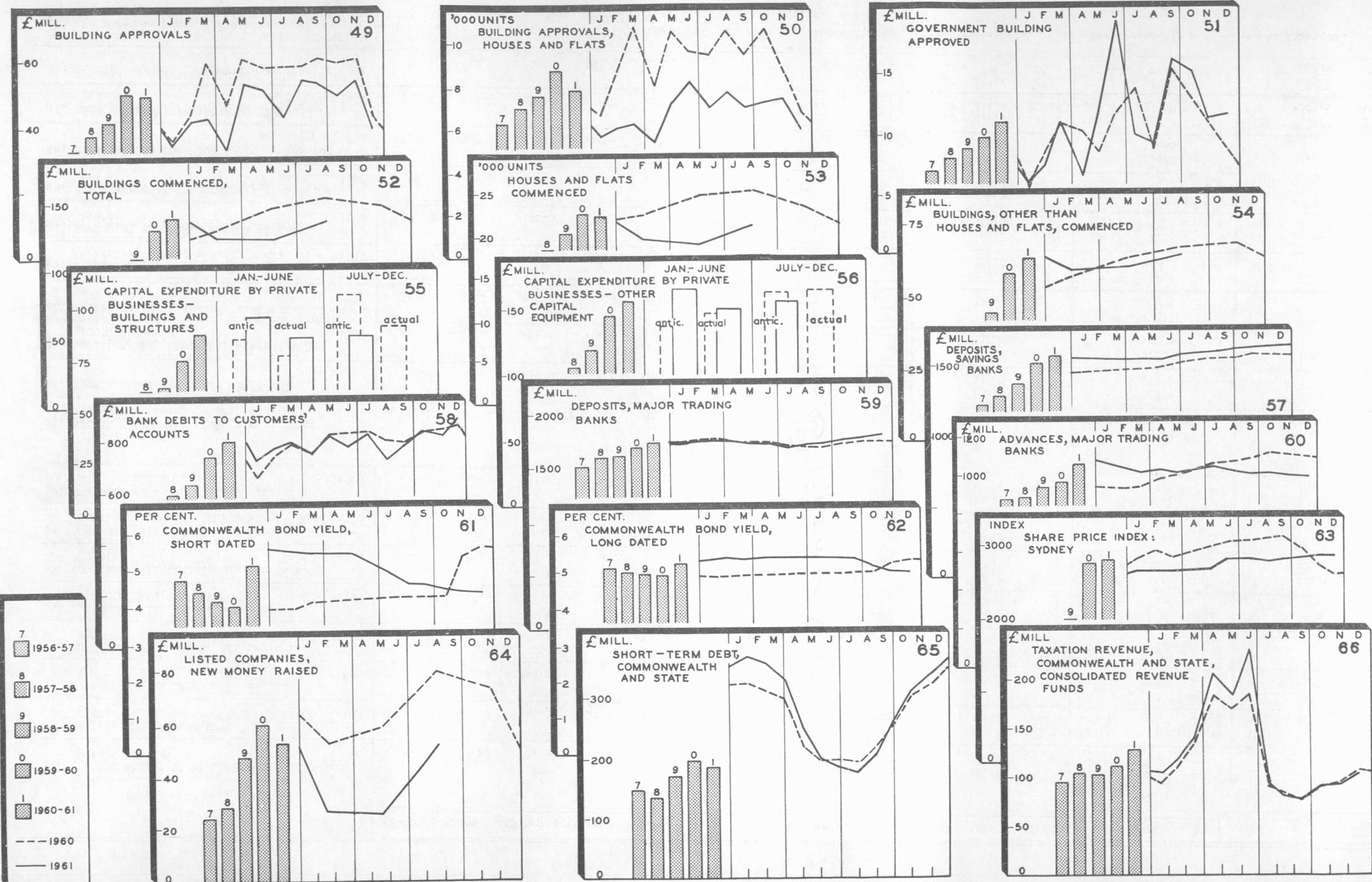
(a) Year ended June, 1956 = 100. (b) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 100. (c) Gold and balances held abroad by Reserve Bank were £494 million at 29th November, 1961, £510 million at 20th December, 1961, and £509 million at 10th January, 1962. (d) Excludes rural wage earners and female private domestics. (e) Comparable statistics not available. (f) Last Saturday of month.

* Preliminary.



	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	£	19.16	19.67	20.19	21.76	22.89	1960	20.94		22.66		22.68		23.05		23.87		
32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX ADULT MALES (a)		1954=100	110.8	112.8	115.3	121.3	125.7	1960	122.5	123.2	123.5	123.6	124.2	124.3	124.5	124.9	124.9	125.1
								1961	125.9	126.2	126.3	126.3	126.7	126.7	129.1	129.5	129.5	125.7
33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS		1952-53=100	113.1	114.2	116.0	118.9	123.8	1960	119.0		121.1		122.5		123.3			
								1961	124.2		125.0		124.8		124.3			
34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD		1952-53=100	115.3	113.3	115.4	119.8	127.7	1960	120.3		122.6		126.0		126.7			
								1961	128.6		129.4		128.1		125.3			
35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY		1952-53=100	103.9	107.0	108.2	109.4	111.6	1960	109.5		110.5		110.7		111.5			
								1961	111.7		112.4		112.4		112.9			
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING		1952-53=100	122.1	127.3	130.6	135.2	144.8	1960	134.8		139.4		141.4		144.1			
								1961	145.7		148.0		148.5		150.5			
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT		1952-53=100	105.8	107.5	108.7	109.8	111.2	1960	110.0		110.2		110.6		111.0			
								1961	111.3		111.9		112.6		112.7			
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP		1952-53=100	118.0	119.7	121.2	123.9	127.3	1960	123.8		126.4		126.7		127.2			
								1961	127.5		127.7		127.9		128.3			
INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.	£ mill.	2,247.8	2,342.2	2,453.5	2,691.5	2,826.7	1960	645.7		683.1		685.8		785.2				
							1961	668.2		(b) 220.8	239.7	227.0	*225.5	*228.1	*233.8	*236.4	*245.5	*310.5
40. RETAIL SALES, FOOD AND GROCERIES	£ mill.	796.8	823.6	870.0	941.1	1,010.1	1960	234.4		238.0		246.1		264.0				
							1961	250.2		249.8		257.2						
41. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY AND FOOTWEAR	£ mill.	440.1	451.0	469.6	516.8	538.3	1960	109.7		140.4		128.5		156.8				
							1961	112.0		141.0		126.9						
42. RETAIL SALES, HARDWARE, ELECTRICAL GOODS AND FURNITURE	£ mill.	349.7	380.4	416.8	481.3	484.9	1960	114.8		119.7		123.1		139.3				
							1961	111.8		110.7		114.6						
43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	£ mill.	661.2	687.2	697.1	752.3	793.4	1960	186.8		185.0		188.1		225.1				
							1961	194.2		186.0		188.7						
44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	147.3	166.2	176.3	224.1	223.1	1960	14.1	18.2	21.0	18.1	20.2	19.9	20.4	22.5	22.4	24.2	26.1
							1961	12.7	12.9	19.0	14.8	16.3	14.2	13.6	16.1	15.7	17.8	18.4
45. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ETC. REGISTERED (c)	'000	58.0	61.8	66.3	68.9	59.0	1960	4.2	5.0	6.0	4.9	5.9	5.7	5.6	6.2	5.8	5.5	5.8
							1961	3.6	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.4
46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	16,982	15,726	16,342	18,425	15,719	1960	5,111		5,218		3,870		4,467				
							1961	3,466		3,916		3,268						
47. HIRE PURCHASE, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (d)	£ mill.	236.5	296.7	354.8	422.0	407.6	1960	402.9	404.1	409.1	412.0	416.5	422.0	424.9	428.2	434.1	439.0	448.2
							1961	449.0	437.5	427.6	423.2	416.6	407.6	*400.4	*395.8	*391.9	*390.0	*389.0
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES	'000	73.9	224.1	300.0	403.8	323.2	1960	26.0	30.5	42.4	34.1	51.4	47.3	45.7	40.0	33.8	27.3	22.7
							1961	20.0	18.4	20.5	20.1	27.2	25.5	25.9	27.4	24.5	27.4	18.8

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Monthly series from April, 1961. (c) Commercial vehicles include utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) New agreements made - amount financed, August, 1961, £16.9 million, September, 1961, £16.5 million and October, 1961, £19.5 million. * Preliminary. £ Revised.



	£ mill.	1956-57 1957-58 1958-59 1959-60 1960-61							Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.			
		1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61																	
BUILDING, ETC.																							
49. BUILDING APPROVALS		394.1	445.7	495.8	603.7	602.0	1960 1961	36.3 34.6	43.5 41.3	59.9 43.6	47.4 33.2	60.6 53.1	58.7 51.9	58.9 43.7	59.1 54.4	61.3 53.2	59.5 49.7	61.3 54.2	44.2 40.0				
50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS '000 units		75.7	84.3	90.0	103.8	93.8	1960 1961	6.6 5.6	8.4 6.0	10.8 6.3	8.0 5.4	10.4 7.2	9.6 8.1	9.4 7.0	10.4 7.7	9.4 7.0	10.6 7.2	8.7 7.4	6.7 5.9				
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED £ mill.		83.3	95.6	103.9	115.8	131.6	1960 1961	5.0 5.7	8.5 7.3	10.8 10.9	10.1 6.4	8.3 11.8	11.7 19.4	13.6 9.9	8.6 9.2	15.2 16.1	13.0 15.1	11.0 11.1	8.7 11.4				
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL £ mill.		359.6	380.5	432.4	523.9	552.0	1960 1961		129.6 125.2			145.0 124.3			153.2 136.2				149.3				
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED '000 units		69.5	73.3	81.7	91.3	88.9	1960 1961		22.6 20.1			24.9 19.2			25.7 21.5				23.9				
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED £ mill.		150.2	151.4	177.6	231.3	252.8	1960 1961		56.5 57.9			63.3 59.9			67.0 63.8				68.0				
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures £ mill.	(a)	119.6	123.0	152.1	176.9		1960 1961		(85.0 anticipated) (95.4 anticipated)			77.2 actual 86.2 actual			(106.5 anticipated) (87.6 anticipated)				90.7 actual				
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment £ mill.	(a)	214.2	242.3	294.4	316.0		1960 1961		(138.1 anticipated) (166.5 anticipated)			150.1 actual 150.8 actual			(163.2 anticipated) (156.7 anticipated)				165.2 actual				
FINANCE																							
57. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS £ mill.		1,227	1,297	1,391	1,523	1,578	1960 1961	1463.2 1563.7	1473.8 1560.8	1477.3 1551.5	1480.4 1549.3	1489.7 1547.8	1522.7 1577.5	1536.5 1594.6	1550.9 1609.3	1563.1 1625.1	1580.8 1635.3	1577.3 1643.7	1567.0 1650.6				
58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b) £ mill.		563	593	637	747	804	1960 1961	659 721	739 769	784 796	754 757	820 815	821 782	835 820	805 730	797 789	832 833	846 816	857 881				
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill.		1,513	1,596	1,603	1,708	1,729	1960 1961	1,735 1,730	1,766 1,760	1,784 1,771	1,760 1,758	1,729 1,722	1,731 1,715	1,706 1,701	1,702 1,711	1,696 1,728	1,719 1,766	1,731 1,790	1,728 1,824				
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill.		869	882	930	952	1,050	1960 1961	934 1,059	930 1,030	935 1,012	973 1,017	1,000 1,010	1,015 1,020	1,060 1,035	1,066 1,015	1,078 1,001	1,092 1,007	1,090 999	1,080 992				
61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED per cent.	4.71	4.38	4.16	4.01	5.06		1960 1961	3.96 5.50	3.97 5.49	4.14 5.46	4.16 5.43	4.18 5.23	4.19 5.23	4.26 4.93	4.29 4.60	4.30 4.59	4.31 4.46	5.35 4.38	5.60 4.36				
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED per cent.	5.06	4.99	4.94	4.91	5.21		1960 1961	4.91 5.34	4.92 5.38	4.93 5.35	4.93 5.36	4.93 5.36	4.94 5.36	4.97 5.34	4.96 5.35	4.97 5.33	4.97 5.13	5.19 4.99	5.30 4.98				
63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		1,707	1,836	1,966	2,718	2,787	1960 1961	2,813 2,615	2,887 2,656	2,825 2,631	2,878 2,665	2,964 2,682	3,029 2,794	3,029 2,799	3,056 2,782	3,086 2,809	2,951 2,829	2,697 2,857	2,582 2,857				
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED £ mill.		94.7	113.5	188.2	242.2	213.8	1960 1961		53.3 28.8			59.3 26.3			82.1 *52.6				76.6				
65. SHORT-TERM DEBT, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE (d) £ mill.		150	140	171	201	186	1960 1961	326 367	311 361	301 330	221 249	196 200	201 186	195 181	222 208	254 263	304 310	324 340	350 363				
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, Consolidated Revenue Funds £ mill.		1,180	1,250	1,225	1,360	1,543	1960 1961	92.5 104.5	110.8 119.3	133.4 138.1	185.4 203.9	170.7 187.2	185.8 236.3	91.1 93.8	86.0 81.7	77.8 78.2	91.0 90.6	97.7 93.5	110.0 106.0				

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of period. * Preliminary. \ddagger Revised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Item	For further details see publications listed below Reference No.	Item	For further details see publications listed below Reference No.
1.	19	33-38. 33-38.	Consumer Price Index :- New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Statistical Bulletin, 891. 5
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale	19	39-43. 39-43.	Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from service repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. 8
3. Total produced in gas works	19	44-45. 44-45.	Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services. 26, 27
4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May.	19	46. 46.	Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors. 7
5. Portland cement.	19, 25	47. 47.	Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges and insurance. 28
6. Includes monoconstruction but excludes assembled chassis imported as such.	19, 21	48. 48.	Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units. 11
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	19, 20	49-50. 49-50.	Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale. 11
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	19, 22	51. 51.	Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. 3
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	19, 23	52. 52.	Excludes conversions to flats. 3, 4
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots.	19, 24	53. 53.	See 52 above. 3
11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	15	54. 54.	Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive. 2
12.	12	55-56. 55-56.	Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. 29, 30
13. Source : National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	-	57. 57.	Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank. 9
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	-	58. 58.	Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Major Trading Banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks). 9, 10
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of grease wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. 17	17	59-60. 59-60.	Theoretical 2 year and theoretical 15 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth Taxation less rebate of 2/- in the pound. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Reserve Bank. 16
16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment.	18	61-62. 61-62.	Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. 16, 17
18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the year 1955-56.	1	63. 63.	Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issue of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. 6
19-20.	14	64. 64.	Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills. All figures at end of period. 16
21. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Sources: Reserve Bank. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month.	-	65. 65.	Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Fund, e.g. motor taxes. -
22,24-26. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. 13	13	66. 66.	
23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	13		
27. Figures for periods to June, 1960 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns and returns of Government employment.	13		
28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. 13	13		
29. See 22 above.	13		
30. Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. 13	13		
31. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of females to male earnings. 13	13		
32. Based on averages of minimum wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average minimum weekly wage for Australia	13, 32, 31	65. 66.	

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